



Services in the Churches of Washington

WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN'S BIBLE TALK



PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH OF THE COVENANT

Conn. Ave. and N Street.

REV. CHARLES WOOD, D. D., Minister. REV. HOWARD D. TALBOTT, Assistant.
SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 1922.
9:30 a. m.—Sunday School. Classes for all.
11:00 a. m.—Morning Service. Sermon by Dr. Wood.
3:00 p. m.—Afternoon Service. Address by the Rev. Howard D. Talbott.
8:00 p. m.—Evening Service. Sermon by Dr. Wood, series: "Messages from Books, Sacred and Secular." 5. "Concerning Deterioration." Solomon, Nero, Henry VIII and Byron.
EVENING CHORUS OF 100 VOICES.
Thursday, March 16, 8:00 p. m.—Annual Meeting of Church and Congregation.
Midday Services at Keith's Theater Daily at 12:30

Nation That Forgets God Will Fall, Says Bryan

Commoner Asserts Israel's Downfall Begun When the Individuals Ignored Creator.

By WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN.

In the course of our weekly Bible Talks we now come to one of the great tragedies of history—the downfall of the kingdom of Israel. And what a lesson the account of the end of that kingdom twenty-six hundred odd years ago, as set forth in the seventeenth chapter of the Second Book of the Kings, holds for all nations—even for our own beloved America!

After an apostasy of more than two centuries, encouraged and tolerated by its rulers, Israel had at last reached a point where the wrath of the Almighty overflowed and He permitted the people—His chosen people—to be carried captive into Assyria and dispersed throughout that land.

The Lord had brought them out of the land of Egypt, had guided them through the wilderness, had given them a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night, had fed them manna in the wilderness, had protected them against their enemies and had given them the promised land as an inheritance. And yet, in spite of His repeated favors and continued care, they had turned away and worshipped heathen gods.

The Cause of Israel's Downfall. The text of our talk begins with the direct statement: "And the children of Israel did secretly those things that were not right against the Lord their God."

They set images upon every high hill and under every green tree. They burned incense in all the high places as did the heathen nations; they served idols in spite of Jehovah's commandment that "Ye shall not do this thing."

God testified unto Israel and unto Judah by every prophet and every seer, saying, "Turn ye from your evil ways, and keep My commandments and My statutes." Notwithstanding, they did not hear but hardened their hearts as their fathers had done before them and believed not in the Lord their God.

They were interested in this bit of history, because it is tremendously practical. We are dealing with sin and its punishment, with disobedience and the retribution that follows. In these Bible Talks I have tried to gather the truths that are applicable to the present day, so that the lesson will be useful to us in our own lives. Is there any man in this nation that we can take to heart?

See One Standard. This is given as the cause of the downfall of Israel before the Assyrian host. We are interested in this bit of history, because it is tremendously practical. We are dealing with sin and its punishment, with disobedience and the retribution that follows.

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The Solicitor General

Will Speak on

"Paradox of Progress"

CHURCH OF THE COVENANT
SUNDAY AFTERNOON, MARCH 12,
at 3:30 o'clock.

ALL WELCOME

Y. M. C. A.

"The Three Wise Men."

"The American Y. M. C. A. in London."

(In Motion Pictures)

Address: S. Leroy Smith

Sunday, 4:45 p. m.

The Public Invited

Tea

UNITARIAN

ALL SOULS' CHURCH

Founded 1827. Ulysses G. B. Pierce, D.D. Minister

9:45—Sunday School, Kindergarten, Graded Course and Adult Classes. Also Kindergarten during morning service.

11:00—Morning worship. Sermon by the minister.

"THE LAW OF SELF-MEASUREMENT"

MR. TITTMANN, Bass. MISS RANER, Violin.

MR. ATWATER, Piano.

SERVICES IN

B. F. KEITH'S THEATRE

DURING CONSTRUCTION OF NEW CHURCH

VARIOUS SERVICES

THEOSOPHY

Sunday Evening.

March 12, at 8 P. M.

Lecture

"Brotherhood as Viewed by An Indian."

(Lecture by B. P. Wadia, given at World Brotherhood Congress at Prague.)

Speaker

Miss Eleanor Hough.

THEOSOPHICAL HALL

1216 H Street N.W.

Spiritual Science Church of Christ

1502 14th Street N.W.

Pastor, MRS. JANE B. COATES

Divine Services Every Sunday, 8 p. m.

Lecture for this Sunday

Matthews Dawson:

"The Hidden Treasure."

Healing Treatment and Spirit Messages.

Y. M. C. A.

"Motion picture entitled 'The Three Wise Men' will be shown at the Y. M. C. A. Sunday afternoon at 4:45. Also a Burton Holmes travel film entitled 'With the American Y. M. C. A. in London.' A brief address will be given by S. Leroy Smith, extension secretary. Pocket Testament League. The meeting is open to the public.

ANNUAL MEETING WASHINGTON FEDERATION OF CHURCHES

The annual meeting of the Washington Federation of churches will be held at the Raleigh Hotel Wednesday evening, March 15.

MASS MEETING TO URGЕ RATIONIZATION OF TREATIES

Marshall Hall, 500 G St. N.W. Tuesday evening 8:00 p. m. and Wednesday evening 8:00 p. m. at the Metropolitan Hotel, 1018 14th St. N.W. Second floor. All welcome.

World Alliance for International Friendship Through the Churches will be held at President Harding's church—Calvary Baptist Church, Washington—on Sunday afternoon, March 12, at 3:30 o'clock. The leaders believe that the campaign of education through meetings and services should begin at the National Capital. Secretary of State Hughes is also a member of Calvary Baptist Church, of which the Rev. Dr. Abernathy is pastor.

Do Not Fail to Hear the Quaker Evangelist

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UNIVERSALIST

Dr. Frank Oliver Hall,

of Boston

on: "Why a Universalist Church in Washington?"

at the

First Universalist Church

CHURCH OF OUR FATHER

13th and L Sts. N.W.

Sunday School, 9:45 a. m.

Y. P. C. U., 7 p. m.

Free Kindergarten 11 a. m.

"The Work of the Church is a Great Business; It is the Business of Building the Highest Character."

"Like every other business, the business of the church should be adequately advertised. This advertisement, however, should not be a species of camouflage. It should set forth the real work of the church in a dignified and impressive way. It is through the right kind of advertising that the church will impress the public with the fact that it is really doing something worth while. Most churches today are wide awake. They have a big program. The non-church public should know the social value of the church and be acquainted with the service it is rendering to the community."

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MASS MEETING Bible Revival Campaign

Conducted By

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Wife of the late Charles M. Alexander

Gospel Singer and Evangelist

Mount Vernon Place M. E. Church South

Ninth Street and Massachusetts Ave. N. W.

Sunday, March 12, 1922

3 P. M.

SENATOR SELDEN P. SPENCER

of Missouri, will Preside

Song Service led by MR. PERCY FOSTER

SPEAKER:

MRS. CHARLES M. ALEXANDER

THE SALVATION ARMY

DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS

521 13th St. N. W.

Major J. G. McGee, Executive Officer

No. 1 Corps, 606 E St. N. W. No. 2 Corps (Col.), 1501 P St.

Service at 10:30 A. M. Sunday School, 3 P. M. Evening Service at 8 P. M.

Regular Service, 8 P. M. SPEAKER:

Ensign Figures, Speaker Commandant James Roberts

SOCIAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT

119-121 Pennsylvania Ave.

Service at 11 a. m.

ADJUTANT GEO. PAXTON, Speaker

Many lessons can be drawn from the text: First, there is only one standard of morals for individuals. Many of the international complications that have disturbed the peace of the world and involved the nations in bloody conflicts have arisen from an attempt to evade the moral standards that God has set up for the individual.

Commandments Personal.

The Ten Commandments are intensely personal; they touch human life at every point. The first group lays down rules for man in his relation to God; the second group suggests rules for the government of man in his relation to his fellow men. There never has been any attempt to formulate a different code of morals for nations, and yet, time and time again throughout history, groups of men have acted on the theory that they were relieved from the obligation of these commandments. They have trampled with life and with property, with honor and with virtue.

Covenantalism in the individual, such as was punished in Ahab, Israel's king, for the theft of Naboth's vineyard and the murder of its owner, has often been exalted into patriotism, and crimes have been excused on the ground that the nation profited—as if any nation could profit permanently by a violation of God's law. All the sins that have brought punishment upon mankind have violated the second commandment as given by Christ: "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

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Mid-Day Lenten Services

B. F. KEITH'S THEATRE

12:30 to 1 o'clock

Second Week—March 13, 1922.

MONDAY

Mr. W. L. Wilmett, presiding; Speaker, Dr. Thomas E. Green; Conducted by Rev. Charles E. Stech

TUESDAY

Dr. W. S. Bowes, presiding; Speaker, Dr. Howard Kelly, Baltimore, Md.; Conducted by Rev. J. Noble Pierce

WEDNESDAY

Hon. George Wales, presiding; Speaker, William Mather Lewis; Conducted by Rev. F. P. Langhorne

THURSDAY

Richard W. Hynson, presiding; Speaker, Col. John Temple Graves; Conducted by Rev. J. T. Huddle

FRIDAY

Mr. Henry P. Blair, presiding; Speaker, Mr. Roger Whitford; Conducted by Rev. C. S. Abbott

EVERYONE WELCOME. NO COLLECTION.

upon it.

Until one loves God with heart and soul and mind, he is not likely to love his neighbor as himself, nor even to inquire who is his neighbor. A sense of responsibility to God is the foundation of social justice—it is the most potent influence that acts upon human life. Strike out the thought of God and a life may run for a little while on the momentum that it has acquired, but it slows down when the divine current is turned off.

The sin of the children of Israel was that they forgot God, and because they forgot God they yielded to divers temptations, and punishment overtook them.

The Pit With No Bottom.

Man has not changed in this respect. Without God he is merely a machine. He has a body which can do certain physical work for society; but a man's body is as useless as a brute's body except when under intelligent direction. Man can be more destructive than a brute if he has no conscience to restrain him. The mind can direct the body so that its energies will be employed along useful lines, provided the mind itself is under spiritual control, and that brings us back to faith in God.

Upon belief in God rest all the uplifting influences in life—consciousness of responsibility, comfort in the assurance of God's presence; prayer, through which the heart is opened to divine suggestion; and the future life with its rewards and punishments. When man's hold upon God is loosened, he falls, and there is no bottom to the pit into which he plunges. Last week's talk dealt with the sins of sensualism in which Israel was steeped; today we have the secret of Israel's downfall—it began in the ignoring of God.

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Prof. E. L. Goonassakara, of India, a convert from Buddhism, a lecturer on all phases of the life of India—its religious, philosophical and political problems, will deliver a series of lectures in this city, from Sunday, March 12, to Sunday, March 19. Arrangements have been made for him to lecture Sunday, March 12, at 11 a. m. at Potomac Baptist Church, at 11 a. m. at Foundry Church at 8 p. m. His subjects will be: "India's Search for God," and "Buddha, the Light of Asia." He will lecture at Foundry Church, Monday, at 8 p. m. on "Christian Science, the Daughter of Hindu Philosophy."

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